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# BIBLES FOR RUSSIA

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Dear Partner,

We have just returned from another successful mission to Russia. Not many people go the area where we ministered so we were received very well.

Sunday was Harvest Day at the church in Shumerlya. For this special service celebrated once a year, the church members bring their fruits and vegetables to the church, thanking God for His blessing. Joyce, Edna, visiting pastors and I shared during this service.

On Monday we conducted a ladies seminar in Yarden; the first ladies seminar in the area. Joyce taught on Christian communications in the family. Edna also brought a message to those in attendance.

Our team was privileged to minister to 290 orphans in two orphanages. We gave them gifts from the United States, bought gifts for them locally and, of course, ministered Jesus Christ to them. In one orphanage after Joyce shared, a worker told her the message had touched her life.

We visited in missionaries' homes over a meal and learned of their many jobs. They go out on the streets and distribute Christian newspapers which they told us people receive gladly. They also visit orphanages, nursing homes, etc. Thanks to all of you who gave, we were able to bless many of the missionaries. They said to tell you, "Thank you" for them.

On Thursday we ministered to the Gypsy children. Pastor Yuri and his wife had previously taught them Christian songs. The precious children sang with all their hearts. Joyce told a Bible story and showed pictures that illustrated the story. She asked if anyone would like to ask Jesus into their hearts. All the children knelt and asked Jesus into their hearts.

A ladies seminar was planned in Mari-El on Saturday. The men had heard good reports of the first seminar we conducted and asked if they could attend.

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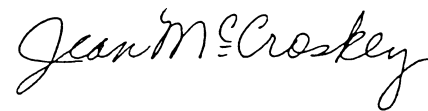
Older children also attended. The church was full. Joyce taught again on Christian communication in the family. Edna also taught and I shared. Afterwards we had a time of fellowship with the sisters.

On Sunday we traveled to Kazan, Tartarstan where we ministered. The church has grown since Alfred and I first went there in 2001. We enjoyed our fellowship with the brothers and sisters there.

There were many deaf people in each church where we ministered. In spite of their handicap, they are so happy. Edna and Joyce sang and Edna did sign language. Although the sign language is a little different there, it was a blessing to the deaf. Not many people visit those churches and they appreciated our coming. They asked us to please come again.

Thank you to all who gave to make this mission trip possible and/or gave for the missionaries' support. May God bless you for your faithfulness.

In Christ,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Jean McCroskey". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Jean McCroskey



Our team: Jean, Joyce, Natasha (translator) and Edna